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2. Improvement of Bridges and Roads in Northeastern Thailand

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1. Thai Police are enforcing border controls at Nong Khai (N 17-52, E 102-44). Traffic across the Mekong River has been officially prohibited for over a year but the law has not been strictly enforced. However, in late June a fisherman setting out from Nong Khai failed to stop when challenged by a policeman and was shot and killed. Some of the canoes on the Thai side of the river have been taken out of the water by Police order. Enforcement of the order has resulted in a serious food shortage on the Laos side since many of the inhabitants customarily paddle over to the Nong Khai market for their daily food supplies. Authorities have also restricted the quantity of certain foods, including rice, which one family may buy in Nong Khai.
2. More maintenance work is being done on the roads from Nong Khai through Udon Thani to Sakhon Nakhon and Nakhon Phanom than has been done in the past two and a half years. The railings of all bridges have been removed and extra pilings are being installed under the bridges.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. It is rumored that these bridges, now posted for a maximum of six tons, are being reinforced to take the weight of 20 ton tanks and that the railings are being removed to accommodate the width of tanks.

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